

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)				
HARUO SHIMIZU		:)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigne			
Application No.: 10/736,628		:	Group Art Unit: N.Y.A.			
Filed: December 17, 2003		;				
For:	IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF	;) ;	March 31, 2004			

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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